RNA FOR A BETTER LIFE IN THE HEIGHTS

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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POLICE CATCH ASSAILANT IN ATTEMPTED RAPE OFF OGDEN

In the early morning hours of August 24, 1997, North District Police responded rapidly and caught a person attempting to rape a local resident in a backyard off the corner of Ogden Avenue and Griffith Street. From the information given by the police, the victim was taken to the hospital but is doing okay. The only information about the assailant is that he is a person from our area.

The police and RNA would like to publicly thank the local neighbors who heard the victim's cries for help and called in the alarm. A special thanks to the local police officers who responded to the call and caught the assailant.

Without causing undue alarm, RNA is concerned about this type of incident occurring in our neighborhood, which is already plagued with drug related and crimes against property. Rape, on the other hand, is a crime against a woman with the intent to control and harm her.

Many of our residents returning from work or play in New York City or Hoboken, use the public transportation on Palisade Avenue and then walk home - sometimes late at night. It is imperative that all residents keep a keen eye and ear for any unusual sights and sounds in an effort to protect each other. All it takes is a quick telephone call to 911.

Captain Meyers of the North District has accepted our invitation to discuss this incident and other criminal problems in our neighborhood at the September 9th meeting. It is recommended that all members and neighbors come to hear and discuss this matter.

BETTINGER ELECTED in WARD C

RNA would like to congratulate Arnold Bettinger on his election as councilperson for Ward C. He comes from a varied background as a private business owner in Journal Square and an employee in our County Government.

Mr. Bettinger has indicated that he is willing to work with RNA to identify and resolve some of the problems in the part of our neighborhood that is in his ward. Ward C extends into the Heights and emcompasses Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Franklin Street. All our members should make a special effort to come to the September meeting to hear and talk to our new Councilperson.

UPDATE: MOUNTAIN ROAD RENOVATION

RNA has invited City Engineer John Mucha to discuss the status of the renovation project to reopen Mountain Road. Mountain Road is the cliff road that connects our community at Franklin Street and Ogden Avenue to Patterson Plank Road and Hope Street below. Mr. Mucha was the engineer who developed the design for the new road with input from RNA. He will bring with him the final design plans.

According to him, the contract for this project will be awarded by November of this year and actual construction is slated for February of 1998.

[RNA also plans to invite City Engineer Dan Gordan within the next few months to discuss the Holland Street renovation project.]

CITY DOES NOT RESPOND TO RNA DEMANDS FOR BASIC MAINTENANCE

On June 4, 1997 RNA met with DPW Director Kevin Sluka and gave him a three page list of maintenance problems to be taken care of during the summer months. On July 21, 1997, RNA discussed and then faxed that same list to Councilman Bill Gaughan. It is sad to report, that to date, other than giving us a status of the Mountain Road project, nothing has been done to resolve the majority of the problems.

The purpose of this article is not to condemn these two well meaning public officials, but to expose the inability of Jersey City to respond to basic maintenance issues of its citizens. We are not asking for major renovations like the MLK project or long-term decisionmaking like the location of the light rail system in Downtown. All RNA is asking for is basic services like public lighting, securing and rehabing abandoned and empty housing, fire security, park maintenance and at the very least, competent responses from city agencies including the much touted but ineffective Constituient Services.

The following is a condensed version of the list submitted to both Sluka and Gaughan. RNA asked to be kept informed of the progress of this list in writing. To date, the majority of these problems remain.

RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK:

1) Park attendant: [After two false starts caused by RNA, the City has hired Alison Fontana, RNA's current secretary,

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as a part-time caretaker for Riverview-Fisk Park.]

2) What is the status of the fourteen trees to be planted in Park? A list of locations was given to NID manager Billy Rodolfos several weeks ago. To date, only two have been planted. In addition, all trees should be staked with three poles and surrounded by three foot chicken wire to protect from dogs and vandals. There are also two or three trees that need to be cut down and/or treated.
[To date, only eight trees have been planted, none were staked with the suggested wire to protect them from vandalism and several of them have died from apparent lack of water and/or vandalism.]

3) The rubber surface of the playground has not been repaired and is getting worse. In addition, there are sections of the fencing around the playground that have been loosened by City workers mowing the lawn. These bottom sections need to be reattached to prevent the fence from being vandalized.

4) The hydrant on Ogden Avenue, off of Griffith Street adjacent to the community garden needs to be repaired. The threads are stripped so we cannot use the hose adapter to water the garden. This has been a problem for over two years - we have complained but there has been no response.

5) There are approximately 4 to 5 PSE &G poles lights in the Park that have not been fixed or replaced.

6) There are several garbage baskets that are not chained and locked to their respective poles.

7) There is a huge chunk of cement sitting in the middle of the sidewalk, north of the pavilion that should be removed before someone trips and hurts themselves.

8) A section of the Park adjacent to the community gardens has been appropriated by a private resident. We have requested Constituent Services to reclaim it for our Park but they have not responded. Please help us with this.

9) We need mulch for the community garden.

10) LONG TERM: What is the status of the renovation plans for the east side of the Park, from Ogden Avenue to the cliff? We also want the playground to be completely enclosed with the tubular fencing to keep out dogs, older children.

JANET MOORE PARK (CUNEO PARK):

1) The trees need to be protected from vandals. Please install three stake poles and chicken wire around each tree to prevent the branches from being torn off.

2) Mulch and top soil need to be supplied to the planting areas.

NID PROBLEMS:

[There has been no NID manager in our area - either NID North 6 or 7 for the entire summer.]

1) The trees recently planted on Palisade Avenue should have been part of the Treescape Program. Any money paid by property owners should be returned and tree guards and grills should be installed. (In the interim, stakes and chicken wire should be installed to protect trees.) We need to find out the exact amount of money left in the Treescape Program budget, so that we can calculate the number of trees, guards and grills that can be purchased for the second installation of trees on Palisade Avenue. Matt Hogan has not been responsive to our requests.
[The remaining available budget figures for the Treescape Program were given to RNA. However, nothing else was done to the trees planted on Palisade avenue.]

2) There has been no movement on the abandoned housing in our area. What is the status? The property at 233 Ogden Avenue has been empty for almost one year and no action by the City to find out status or board it up.
[247 Ogden Avenue has also been abandoned for over one year but the City has done nothing to secure it or board it up. In fact, there are over ten properties in our area that the City is aware of and has done nothing to rehabilitate. The City agency that is responsible has not answered our questions about the status of these properties. We have been ignored.]

3) There is a new body repair facility that has opened in the garage on Griffith street. An inspection should be made to ascertain that they are properly licensed and in compliance with all environmental regulations.
[Supposedly, NID spoke to the operators about the need for licensing and inspections. There has been no confirmation from the Division of Licensing.]

4) There is also continuous repair work going on in a residential garage across the street from the body shop on Griffith. An inspection should be made and the owners told that no commercial work can be done in that garage.
[Supposedly, NID spoke to the tenants using the garages. However, there is still an inordinate amount of repair work going on at this location.]

5) There are approximately six to eight flood lights on street poles between Ferry Street and Griffith Street that are not working for almost a year. We have made this complaint several times, but no response.

6) Two months ago, Pat Blake of Traffic Engineering was a guest speaker. We asked to have a stop sign installed at Bowers and Ogden. No response.

7) Over a year ago, we asked to have "PARK" signs installed in front of each of our two Parks to alert drivers to drive slowly and more carefully. The one in Riverview was mistakenly placed in the middle of the Park and only lasted for one month. The sign at Moore Park was

mistakenly placed behind a tree so it cannot be clearly seen. Please reinstall signs in proper locations for this summer.

8) An inspection for housing, fire and health should be made of 454 Palisade Avenue. The property is in terrible shape and looks like an accident waiting to happen. The property has been in this condition for over one year, since there was a police raid last summer.

9) Despite complaints to Constituent Services, there is a serious continuous health problem at 202-204 Ogden Avenue with garbage being piled on the sidewalk every week.
[Despite attempts by NID to resolve this, the problem persists.]

10) The property at 242 Ogden Avenue is in terrible shape with garbage continuously piling up in the front yard. An inspection should be done to ascertain how many people are actually living in the apartments.

11) WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE REOPENING OF MOUNTAIN ROAD AND HOLLAND STREET? It is almost four years since money has been allocated for the renovation of the two roads. Engineering keeps saying there are other priorities to be taken care of before these projects.
[City Engineer John Mucha will give RNA an official status report at our September meeting.]

12) What is the status of the repaving of Palisade Avenue from State Highway to Patterson Plank Road?

This is an intolerable situation. Supposedly one of the advantages of re-electing the same municipal administration is that there will not be a total realignment of city services and personnel. That there will be a certain amount of continuity of those services because the personnel will not be purged from the system by a totally new administration looking to put in their own flunkies.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! Something must be done about this utter lack of response to legitimate citizen concerns. At the September 9th meeting, there will be a discussion on how to compel the City to respond to these problems.

MEETING MINUTES: Summer, 1997

[The following is a summary of the three meetings RNA held during the summer months of June, July and August.]

June 10, 1997

COMMUNITY POLICING:
RNA's June meeting began with our community police officers Scott Shnee and Lorenzo Tosado discussing the need to solve the traffic problem that occurs during each flea market. A resident reported that a group of people have been barbecuing in the Cit owned lot at the end of Ogden Avenue. They have been loud, drinking beer and leaving the lot covered with garbage. The officers said they would look into this but also referred residents to the NID and parking authority to alleviate this problem.
Cathy Packard asked the officers about police presence in the neighborhood and Riverview-Fisk Park on the 4th of July. Apparently many officers are assigned to Liberty State Park for the fireworks display and there are a minimum number of police covering the districts due to a shortage of police on duty. a request was made for more police patrols in Riverview-Fisk Park on the 4th.
Louie Ramos, the caretaker for Janet Moore Park, reported vandalism and dumping at the park. He was referred to the NID.
Residents on the cliffside of Ogden have been having problems with young adults trespassing on their properties. They were urged to keep calling the police to report any incidents.

RNA FLEA MARKET:
There was a discussion about our 13th Annual Flea Market that just occurred on Saturday, June 7th. Everyone agreed that the event was a great success. Over $1500.00 was taken in from the following sources: food vendors, vendors renting space in the Park, face painting, bike raffle, RNA cake and coffee table, RNA table and the plant table.
RNA asked for suggestions to improve next year's event. Patrick Moore, one of the organizers of this year's flea market, requested larger coffee cups at the RNA table and mentioned the need for more volunteers. The following were other suggestions made:

a) the need to make a specific size for table spaces in avoid vendors exploiting the rental fees;

b) different strategies for closing the street and allowing limited parking on the Park block during the event;

c) the need for more entertainment for the young people;

d) public announcements on the P.A. were effective in drawing crowds and raising money;

e) contact Joey George for different entertainment ideas;

f) utilize some of the ideas from the Hamilton Park Crafts Fair held around the same time as our event;

g) people who don't have time to volunteer but are interested in participating, could financially contribute to sponsor entertainment; and

h) advertising on the Central Avenue bulletin board was effective in soliciting vendors; as well as advertising on Comcast Cable and the Jersey Journal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) Vice-chair Maria Tuzzo is organizing a fall clean-up.

2) The two summer concerts in the Park will be advertised with mailed fliers and a banner that will be hung at the corner of Palisade Avenue and Powers Street.

3) RNA does not have a NID manager for North 6. DPW Director Sluka told RNA that a new manager will be interviewed for the position.

4) A motion was made and passed for RNA to sponsor a team for a senior basketball league for up to $75.00.

5) If anyone is having problems with raccoons, call Animal Control and ask for a trap to be set on their property.

July 8, 1997

COMMUNITY POLICING:

Officer Ed Rakowski discussed the upcoming "Nite Out" in August. The idea is to make a presence in front of your house. Get to know your neighbors. For more information, call Officer Rakowski at 547-5719.

Captain Donald Meyers announced that there are twenty-two (22) police cadets graduating and the North District will get five more officers. There will also be a pilot program for domestic violence started during the summer. There were over 300 arrests in the North District in the last two months and over 2,000 summons were issued.

The following complaints were made to the police at the meeting: unruly congregations of young adults in front of the Palisade Avenue liquor store; there have been break-ins to the Moore Park on Cuneo Place after it is closed at 10 PM; garbage is being dumped over the cliff at the southern end of Ogden Avenue because the cyclone fence has been torn down. NTF Officer Lorenzo Tosado was present for the rest of the meeting to talk to anyone who wanted to discuss their problems in private.

NID DISCUSSION:

Ron Clemente, North 6 code enforcement officer (CEO) was present. His area encompasses Griffith Street to Prospect Street from Ogden to Central Avenues. He works from 12 noon to 7 PM, Monday to Friday. He uses school students to clean up the dirty streets.

The following questions were brought up by members:

a) when will Palisade Avenue be repaved?

b) when will Mountain Road be reopened?

c) when will the fire hydrant in front of the community garden on Ogden Avenue be fixed?

August 12, 1997

COMMUNITY POLICING:

NTF officer David Murawinski, who is on bicycle patrol, was present at the August meeting. He discussed several hot spots of criminal activity in our area. He urged residents to keep police informed about any problems in the neighborhood. An RNA member asked to the police to patrol the closed cobble-stoned Mountain Road and the cliffside path behind Ogden between Griffith and Franklin.

The group applauded the Officer Murawinski for writing summonses for littering. (Unfortunately,he also told us that the municipal court judge was surprised that this type of summons was given out.)

A suggestion was made for radar surveillance on Ogden Avenue between Griffith Street north to Congress Street to catch speeders during the morning rush hours.

NID DISCUSSION:

Ron Clemente, CEO for North 6 was present to take complaints in our area. Catherine Keens informed the group that there has been a marked increase in people leaving food in Riverview-Fisk Park to feed the pigeons. She told us that this was a serious problem a long time ago but was solved when the neighborhood demanded that the City stop it.

Alison Fontana, Secretary & Valerie Rea

FLAG FOOTBALL IN THE PARK

Dear Parents of Jersey City Heights:

The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is organizing flag football teams at Riverview-Fisk Park this fall. This is the first time that our community will have organized activities for our children during the fall months. RNA encourages all parents and their children to participate in this project.

Boys and Girls, ages nine to 11 years, can sign up now at the Park between the hours of 4:30 to 6:30 PM with Sight Supervisor **Jose A. Fontanez** or assistant **Chris Rodriguez.**

The football games will begin on Tuesday, September 2, 1997 at 4:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. All are invited to come and watch!

Jose A. Fontanez

UPDATE: SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

For the three years running, RNA and the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs have been co-sponsoring a basketball league for our local youth in Riverview-Fisk Park. This summer, seven biddy teams (ages 10-14) and four junior teams (ages 15-18) registered to play in the league. The program ran five nights from late June till late August with Site Manager Jose Fontanez and his staff of referees, who including two Anthonys and Chris overseeing the activities.

As we go to press, the final winners of this summer's local play-offs are to still be determined. However, at this time, we would like to extend our gratitude to a number of people whose time and consideration were instrumental in helping make another fun-filled summer of supervised recreational activities in the Park. In particular, RNA would like to acknowledge Robert Hill, Chris Rodriguez, Patrick Moore, Carlos Cuellas, Priscilla, Steve and Officer Lorenzo Tosado for coaching the teams. We are also grateful to the young adults who worked the score boards, manned the game clock, swept the courts and carried the chairs and tables. We wish everyone the best and hope to see you all next year.

Patrick Moore

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A "NITE OUT" THAT LASTED DAYS

On August 5, 1997, members of RNA joined forces with a contingent of North district Police officers in a collaborative effort to reclaim the neighborhood and our Riverview-Fisk Park. Amidst a heavy show of police technology, local citizens celebrated the annual **"Nite Out"** against crime.

The Nite Out festivities included a barbecue, a display of various police department equipment, a balloon-blowing clown and McGruff, the ever-lovable crimefighting mascot. Also in attendance was Mayor Bret Schundler, who awarded three local citizens, one of whom was RNA member Vito Brunetti, a certificate for their work in building better relationships with the local police. A brief shower did little to dampen the spirit of our big "Nite Out".

The next day, August 6th, at 6:30 PM, the action resumed in the Park as the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs put on its second summer concert with the music of **Cherry Flip**, who performed for a lively crowd of local residents at the park pavilion.

Finally on Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 PM, the fun moved to the basketball court when an all-star youth team chosen from our summer basketball league played the visiting team - NTF police officers in a **"Community Challenge"** basketball game.

The game was well played and hard fought with the youth prevailing in a buzzer beater 53-51 and led by Pedro Cuellos and young Nigel.

These three big nights were the result of much effort and teamwork. RNA is appreciative of everyone who supported this weeklong celebration. In particular, we would like to recognize Richard Dwyer of PSE &G for announcing the game, Sgt. Steve Sansevere for outfitting our all-star team with DARE shirts, Angel Rivera of Footlocker on Route 440 for a donation of referee shirts, DJ Wayne Sawyer for the half-time entertainment and the North District police force for the refreshments. We are especially grateful to Captain Donald Meyers and Lieutenant Robert Kilduff for their leadership.

Patrick Moore

UPDATE: HEIGHTS COALITION

The **Heights Coalition of Neighborhood and Block Associations** held its August meeting on Monday, the 18th. This meeting is traditionally devoted to the annual rotation of member groups to participate as Coalition officers. The Coalition officers for this coming year are Chapter 80 Block Ass'n as Chair, P.S. 8 Block Ass'n as Vice-chair, Waverly Street as Secretary and RNA as Treasurer.

Members also voted on the applications of two new block associations for membership in the Coalition. The new members are the **Leonard Street Block Ass'n**, with their president Pat Carmody as representative and the **Hague Street Block Ass'n** with president Marie Dolan as representative. Both groups were accepted in the Coalition.

Maria Tuzzo

PLANNING FOR OUR FALL EVENTS

In this fast paced world, it is never two early to start thinking about RNA's annual events that take place in the autumn.

Annual Neighborhood Clean-up: We would like to coordinate a neighborhood weekend clean-up during this fall. This entails organizing a group of youngsters and adults to clean-up our two Parks and Palisade Avenue. In addition, RNA would order two Incinerator dumpsters to be placed at each end of our neighborhood for anyone to use in discarding their own residential garbage.

Harbor View Party: RNA is also planning our usual year-end party for the residents of the Harbor View Health Care Facility. Volunteers are needed to serve and visit with the residents. We need people to bake or donate sugar-free baked goods. This year we are looking for donations of ladies knee-highs or light weight socks and socks for men. They could be white or colored.

For entertainment, we are looking for a pianist to play music and songs and a person to dress up as a clown and perform tricks and games.

We need volunteers to organize and participate in each of these two annual events. Join us on Tuesday, September 9th to get these two projects off the ground.

Maria Tuzzo & Jack Rea

RNA Flea Market: A Great Success

Our annual June Flea Market was a big success. Many thanks to all the committee members, volunteers, and all those who baked or contributed baked goods.

Thanks go out to Carol Giganti of **Goehrig's Bakery, Central Bagel, Popular Supermarket** for all their contributions. Thanks to Tony Scarpa of **S.D.S Bicycle Shop** for donating several children's tricycles for our raffle. A special acknowledgement to **Mayor Schundler** for getting us two port-o-johns for the event. Finally, thanks to all those people who I did not mention but helped with the flea market.

And remember, community events are only as successful as the number of people who participate in them. Hope to see all of you next year.

Jack Rea

NID PROGRESS REPORT

It is RNA's understanding, that there were no NID managers for either North 6 or North 7 during the entire summer. Parts of RNA 's neighborhood encompass both districts. Mr. Merchan of North 6 was allegedly promoted but never replaced. Mr Rodolfos of North 7 is no longer working for the program.

It is a sad reflection on a City that is supposedly "dedicated " to improving the quality of life for its citizens - that no official person or agency felt the responsibility to refill these positions or, at the very least, communicate this information to RNA. Summer is a particular busy

season when a NID manager is needed to help with our never ending quality of life problems, such as dirty streets and sanitation, loud music, boarding up and eventually rehabing abandoned and empty properties, illegal dumping, park maintenance and clean-up and building code, health and fire inspections of residential and commercial properties.
RNA was chosen as one of the first Jersey City communities to work the NID program. However at present (despite the City's alleged plans to reorganize this program), it appears that the NID has degenerated into another bureaucratic mess that is not helping - but hindering the resolution of community problems.

Having said all that, RNA would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ronald Clemente, a Code Enforcement Official in North 6 (who by the way, can only issue warnings but has no summons writing powers) who attempted to help RNA with the following problems this summer:

a) lack of required licenses and inspections for new auto body shop at 33 Griffith Street;

b) late night repairs on the street and private garages on Griffith Street;

c) inquiring about the status of the renovation project for Mountain Road;

d) warning individuals about walking their dogs and leaving their litter on the corner of Ogden and Woods Place;

e) warning Tom Pahos of Cervelli Realty of Edgewater, N.J. about the constant garage and recycling problem at 202-204 Ogden Ave.;

f) warning Palisade Avenue tenants playing loud music in their backyard and disturbing Harbor View residents;

g) helping to clear illegally parked vehicles from empty cliff property at southern end of Ogden Avenue;

h) warning owner of 259 Ogden Avenue to remove accumulations of broken cement in front yard;

i) warning owner of empty lot at 124-126 Ogden Avenue to clear overgrown weeds and grass; and

j) warning Popular Supermarket to keep their parking lot and surrounding sidewalks on Woods Place clear of debris and overgrown grass .

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Godzilla on Ogden

On Thursday, May 29, Big Fin Productions, Inc., in connection with Sony/Tristar Pictures, wrapped the production of "Godzilla" in the New York area. On behalf of the entire cast and crew, please convey our thanks to the members of the Riverview Neighborhood Association for their cooperation and assistance during our preparation and filming.
On-location filmmaking is a challenging and time consuming operation which calls on the talents and assistance of many people. Through this collaboration we can all feel we had a part in creating the final product seen on the big screen.
As a small token of our appreciation, a financial donation is being deposited with the City of Jersey City, Office of Grants Administration for use by the Riverview Neighborhood Association in a matching grants program for improvements to Riverview -Fisk Park.
It was a pleasure to have filmed "Godzilla" in your neighborhood and we hope to have the opportunity to work in the Riverview-Fisk Park area again in the future.
All the best and see you at the movies!

Joe Iberti, Location Manager

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Dear Friends,
This is a short thank you note to all our members. Since my illness, you visited me at the hospital, brought flowers, a plant, sent cards and visited me at home. My spirits were lifted just knowing you thought about me.
I am sorry I missed the Flea Market. You all know how much fun I have at it. Next year God willing will make up for it, Thank you all again.

Sincerely, **Frances Santoro**

☞ RECYCLE: IT'S THE LAW!

Here is the official list of recyclable materials that are collected in our neighborhood every WEDNESDAY:

PAPER: NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, CARDBOARD, BOXES, MAIL, PAPER, TELEPHONE BOOKS
PLASTICS: BOTTLES, MILK CONTAINERS, WATER CONTAINERS, FOOD BOTTLES
GLASS: SODA or BEER BOTTLES, JARS
CANS: ALUMINUM, TIN, STEEL (NO CHEMICAL OR PAINT CANS).

Remember, paper products should be separate but glass, plastic, and metal can be grouped together. For more information, call the Incinerator Authority at 432-4645.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Drop off articles, comments and/or recipes in the mailbox, attached to the gate, at 232 Ogden Ave. Mark the envelope, "RNA NEWSLETTER." The next deadline is **Friday, September, 1997.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The cost of RNA's annual membership is $5 per person. Membership entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and voting privileges in RNA, if you live within the boundaries. Please support your community by paying your dues at the next meeting, or sending a check, payable to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue. (Any paid member who has not received their newsletters or a membership card, contact Jack Rea.)

IT'S A GOOD THING: If anyone has any free time that they would like to spend in a charitable way, they should consider volunteering at the Harbor View Health Care Center. Sometimes just a short visit, a conversation or a game with one of the residents, can fill their sometimes lonely days. And it's good kharma.

Bulletin board

From Valerie's Kitchen:

[Two recipes for the summer gardeners with an over abundance of vegetables.]

Zucchini Pie

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups zucchini or other summer squash, sliced thin and diced
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup of Bisquick
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh parsley and/or basil
- salt and pepper to taste
- Optional: 1/2 cup of cheddar cheese and/or 1 small can of mushrooms

1) Mix all ingredients together.
2) Pour into a buttered 12" pie plate.
3) Bake in 350 degree oven for 30-45 minutes or until golden brown.

Cream of Cucumber Soup

(inspired by Julia Child)

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lbs of cucumbers, peeled, scored, seeded and chopped.
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1/3 cup chopped onions or shallots
- 5 cups chicken broth or water
- 1 Tbsp. wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh dill
- 1/2 cup cubed or sliced potato
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup creme fraiche or sour cream

1) Melt butter and cook onions or shallots until wilted.
2) Add cucumbers, broth, vinegar and 1/3 cup of dill.
3) Bring broth to boil and add potatoes.
4) Simmer until potatoes are very soft, about 20 minutes.
5) Puree.
6) Can be served hot or cold. Whisk in the creme fraiche or sour creme. Top with paper thin slices of cucumber and sprinkling of dill.

SEPTEMBER

For it's a long way
From May to September,
Labor Day, School days are upon us -
Welcome home all you Vacationer!

Madeline Rea

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force Police Officers Scott Schnee and Lorenzo Tosado, David Murawinski** or **Mark Conroy and Keith Armstrong** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity at **547-5350** (the North District station's frontdesk) or **547-5719** (community service number). When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message.

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD **Narcotics Unit** at **547-5391**. Ask to speak to the Narcotics Detectives in the North District. All calls will be strictly confidential.

A **Community Service Survey** form is reprinted below. The purpose of the form is to alert the police to particular chronic problems in our neighborhood. Please fill the form out and mail it to the North District at 282 Central Avenue. (You can remain anonymous.)

JERSEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
NORTH DISTRICT
282 Central Avenue, Jersey City, 07307
547-5350: Front Desk
547-5719: Neighborhood Task Force

Community Service Survey

Name:_____
Address:_____
Home Phone:_____
Block Association:_____
Complaint & Observations for the period of_____

List the Locations for the following Problems:

Disorderly Groups:_____
Public Nuisances: _____
Narcotics Activity:_____
Unsafe/Unhealthy Sites: _____
Suspicious Activity:_____
Heavy Trucking: _____
Auto Thefts:_____
Burglaries:_____
Prostitution: _____
Gambling:_____
Other:_____

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SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9th at 7:15 PM at the HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER.

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on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 9th at 7:15 PM

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Vice-chairperson

Allison Ferrari-Fontana
Secretary

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Treasurer

Carol Rebelowski
Sgt. at Arms

COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING: Tuesday, September 9 th at 7:15 PM

LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

GUEST SPEAKERS:

a) Arnold Bettinger, newly elected WARD C council person
b) Captain Donald Meyers, North District Police Station
c) John Mucha, City Engineer for Mountain Road Project

We're looking for a few good volunteers to help us with the fall plantings in our Community Flower Gardens. If interested, call 792-6390.